

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 20 (the third paragraph on page 5) with the following amended paragraph:

Moreover, the $A_xM_yPO_4$ is preferably a compound having olivine structure and expressed by a general formula $Li_xM_yPO_4$ such as Li_xFePO_4 , $LiFePO_4$, $Li_xFe_2(PO_4)_3$, $LiMnPO_4$, $LiCoPO_4$, $LiNiPO_4$, and $LiCuPO_4$. Especially preferable is to use a compound expressed by a general formula $Li_xFe_yPO_4$.

Please replace paragraph 27 (last paragraph on page 6 - first paragraph on page 7) with the following amended paragraph:

Moreover, the anode may be prepared by using a metal or a semiconductor capable of forming an alloy or compound together with lithium or the alloy or compound thus obtained. ~~The metal, alloy, or the compound can be expressed, for example, by $D_sE_tLi_u$. In this chemical formula, D represents a metal element or a semiconductor element capable of forming an alloy or compound together with lithium. Moreover, the s, t, and u values are as follows: $s > 0$, $t \geq 0$, and $u \geq 0$.~~

Please replace paragraph 28 (first full paragraph on page 7) with the following amended paragraph:

Here, the metal element of semiconductor element capable of forming an alloy or compound together with lithium is preferably a metal element or semiconductor element of 4B group and especially preferable is silicon or tin. The most preferable is silicon. These alloys or compounds are preferably, SiB_4 , SiB_6 , Mg_2Si , ~~$MgSi$, $AlNi_2Si$, Ni_2Si~~ , $TiSi_2$, $MoSi_2$, $CoSi_2$, $NiSi_2$, $CaSi_2$, $CrSi_2$, Cu_5Si , $FeSi_2$, $MnSi_2$, $NbSi_2$, $TaSi_2$, VS_i_2 , WS_i_2 , or $ZnSi_2$, and it is possible to use an electrode formed by using these materials.